

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming rotatable bases for offices chairs comprising firmly coupling together at least two half-shells to form a plurality of spokes and a central ring, each spoke comprising an elongated monolithic box-shaped body' forming each spoke with a half shell having a cavity facing another half shell,

and

inserting a column into said central ring.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for forming rotatable bases for offices chairs comprising firmly coupling together at least two half-shells to form a plurality of spokes and a central ring, each spoke comprising an elongated monolithic box-shaped body
and

inserting a column into said central ring ~~A method as claimed in claim 1~~ further comprising forming each half shell with cavities and forming each spoke by having the cavities of one half-shell facing the cavities of the other half-shell.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising joining the two half-shells together by welding.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising joining the two half-shells together by glueing.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising joining the two half-shells together by mechanical coupling.

6. (Currently Amended) An office chair base comprising a central ring,

a plurality of spokes radially extending along different angles from said central ring, a column inserted into said central ring and supporting a chair seat, wherein each spoke comprises two half-shells firmly coupled to each other to form a monolithic box-shaped body, wherein each spoke is formed by a half shell having a cavity facing another half shell.

7. (Currently Amended) An office chair base comprising a central ring,

a plurality of spokes radially extending along different angles from said central ring, a column inserted into said central ring and supporting a chair seat, wherein each spoke comprises two half-shells firmly coupled to each other to form a monolithic box-shaped body, ~~A base for office chairs, as claimed in claim 6~~ wherein each half-shell is substantially U-shaped with the cavities of one half-shell facing the cavities of the other half-shell.

8. (Previously Presented) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein for every cross-section, each half-shell has lateral vertical portions and a horizontal portion, the lateral vertical portions having lesser thickness than the thickness of the horizontal portion.

9. (Previously Presented) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein each half-shell has ribs which are longitudinal to the axis of the spoke.

10. (Previously Presented) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein each spoke has a center and a wheel connection point, each spoke having a cross-section which narrows from the center to the wheel connection point.

11. (Previously Presented) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein the two half-shells have a projecting edge extending along their entire length.

12. (Previously Presented) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein said spokes are formed of plastic material.